# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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GARY KOOPMANN, TIMOTHY KIDD and VICTOR PIRNIK, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Case No: 15-cv-07199-JMF

Hon. Jesse M. Furman

Plaintiffs,

v.

FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES N.V., FCA US LLC, RONALD ISELI AND ALESSANDRO BALDI, AS CO-EXECUTORS FOR THE ESTATE OF SERGIO MARCHIONNE, SCOTT KUNSELMAN, MICHAEL DAHL, STEVE MAZURE and ROBERT E. LEE,

Defendants.

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### **PROPOSED** JUDGMENT APPROVING CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, a securities class action is pending in this Court entitled *Victor Pirnik*, *et al. v. Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V.*, *et al.*, No 1:15-cv-07199-JMF (the "Action");

WHEREAS Class Representatives Gary Koopmann, Timothy Kidd and Victor Pirnik ("Plaintiffs"), on behalf of themselves and the other members of the Class (as defined below), and Defendants Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V. ("FCA"), FCA US LLC, Ronald Iseli and Alessandro Baldi, as co-executors for the estate of Sergio Marchionne, Scott Kunselman, Michael Dahl, Steve Mazure and Robert E. Lee (collectively, the "Defendants," and, together with Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the other members of the Class, the "Parties") have entered into the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated April 5, 2019 (the "Stipulation"), that provides for a complete dismissal with prejudice of the claims asserted against Defendants in

the Action on the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation, subject to the approval of this Court (the "Settlement");

WHEREAS, unless otherwise defined in this Judgment, the capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meanings as they have in the Stipulation;

WHEREAS, by Order dated April 10, 2019 (the "Preliminary Approval Order"), this Court: (a) preliminarily approved the Settlement; (b) directed that notice of the proposed Settlement be provided to Class Members; (c) provided Class Members with the opportunity either to exclude themselves from the Class or to object to the Settlement; and (d) scheduled a hearing regarding final approval of the Settlement;

WHEREAS, due and adequate notice has been given to the Class;

WHEREAS, the Court conducted a hearing on September 5, 2019 (the "Settlement Fairness Hearing") to consider, among other things, (a) whether the terms and conditions of the Settlement are fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Class, and should therefore be approved; and (b) whether a judgment should be entered dismissing the Action with prejudice as against the Defendants; and

WHEREAS, the Court, having reviewed and considered the Stipulation, all papers filed and proceedings held herein in connection with the Settlement, all oral and written comments received regarding the Settlement, and the record in the Action, and good cause appearing therefor;

#### NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. <u>Jurisdiction</u> – The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action, and all matters relating to the Settlement, as well as personal jurisdiction over all of the Parties and each of the Class Members.

- 2. <u>Incorporation of Settlement Documents</u> This Judgment incorporates and makes a part hereof: (a) the Stipulation filed with the Court on April 5, 2019; and (b) the Notice and the Summary Notice, both of which were filed with the Court on August 1, 2019.
- 3. Notice – The Court finds that the dissemination of the Notice and the publication of the Summary Notice: (a) were implemented in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order; (b) constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (c) constituted notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Class Members of (i) the pendency of the Action; (ii) the effect of the proposed Settlement (including the Releases to be provided thereunder); (iii) Class Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees, reimbursement of Litigation Expenses and a compensatory award to Plaintiffs; (iv) their right to object to any aspect of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or Class Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses; (v) their right to exclude themselves from the Class; and (vi) their right to appear at the Settlement Fairness Hearing; (d) constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled to receive notice of the proposed Settlement; and (e) satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4, as amended, and all other applicable law and rules.
- 4. <u>CAFA</u> The Court finds that the notice requirements set forth in the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 1715, to the extent applicable to the Action, have been satisfied.

## 5. [Intentionally Omitted]

- 6. <u>Final Settlement Approval and Dismissal of Claims</u> Pursuant to, and in accordance with, Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, this Court hereby fully and finally approves the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation in all respects (including, without limitation: the amount of the Settlement; the Releases provided for therein; and the dismissal with prejudice of the claims asserted against Defendants in the Action), and finds that the Settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Class under <u>Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e)(2)</u>, having considered and found that:
- a. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel have adequately represented the Class;
  - b. the proposal was negotiated at arm's length;
- c. the relief provided for the Class is adequate, having taken into account:
- (1) the costs, risks, and delay of motion practice, trial and appeal;
- (2) the effectiveness of any proposed method of distributing relief to the Class, including the method of processing Class Member claims; and
- (3) the terms of any proposed award of attorney's fees, including timing of payment.
- 7. Accordingly, the Parties are directed to implement, perform, and consummate the Settlement in accordance with the terms and provisions contained in the Stipulation.

- 8. The Action and all of the claims asserted against Defendants in the Action by Plaintiffs and the other Class Members are hereby dismissed with prejudice. The Parties shall bear their own costs and expenses, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Stipulation.
- 9. <u>Binding Effect</u> The terms of the Stipulation and of this Judgment shall be forever binding on Defendants, Plaintiffs, and all other Class Members (regardless of whether or not any individual Class Member submits a Claim Form or seeks or obtains a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund), as well as their respective successors and assigns. The persons and entities listed on Exhibit 1 hereto are excluded from the Class pursuant to request and are not bound by the terms of the Stipulation or this Judgment.
- 10. Releases and Bars The Releases set forth in paragraphs 4 through 6 of the Stipulation, together with the definitions contained in paragraph 1 of the Stipulation relating thereto, are expressly incorporated herein in all respects. The Releases are effective as of the Effective Date. Accordingly, this Court orders that:
- (a) Without further action by anyone, and subject to paragraph 11 below, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Plaintiffs and each of the other Class Members, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns in their capacities as such, and on behalf of any other person or entity legally entitled to bring Released Plaintiffs' Claims on behalf of any Class Member, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, and discharged each and every Released Plaintiffs' Claim against the Defendants' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting, maintaining, prosecuting or continuing to prosecute any or all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees, in this

Action or in any other proceeding. This Release shall not apply to any Excluded Plaintiffs' Claims.

- (b) Without further action by anyone, and subject to paragraph 11 below, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Defendants, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns in their capacities as such, and on behalf of any other person or entity legally entitled to bring Released Defendants' Claims on behalf of Defendants, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, and discharged each and every Released Defendants' Claim against the Plaintiffs' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting, maintaining, prosecuting or continuing to prosecute any or all of the Released Defendants' Claims against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, in this Action or in any other proceeding. This Release shall not apply to any Excluded Defendants' Claims.
- 11. Notwithstanding paragraphs 10(a) (b) above, nothing in this Judgment shall bar any action by any of the Parties to enforce or effectuate the terms of the Stipulation or this Judgment.
- 12. Rule 11 Findings The Court finds and concludes that the Parties and their respective counsel have complied in all respects with the requirements of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in connection with the institution, prosecution, defense, and settlement of the Action.
- 13. <u>No Admissions</u> Neither this Judgment, the Stipulation (whether or not consummated), including the exhibits thereto and the Plan of Allocation contained therein (or any other plan of allocation that may be approved by the Court), the negotiations leading to the

execution of the Stipulation, nor any proceedings taken pursuant to or in connection with the Stipulation and/or approval of the Settlement (including any arguments proffered in connection therewith):

- evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Defendants or Defendants' Releasees with respect to the truth of any fact alleged by Plaintiffs or the validity of any claim that was or could have been asserted or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in this Action or in any other litigation, or of any liability, negligence, fault, or other wrongdoing of any kind of any of the Defendants or the Defendants' Releasees or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Defendants or the Defendants' Releasees, in any arbitration proceeding or other civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation;
- (b) shall be offered against Plaintiffs or any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by Plaintiffs or any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees that any of their claims are without merit, that any of the Defendants or Defendants' Releasees had meritorious defenses, or that damages recoverable in this Action would not have exceeded the Settlement Amount or with respect to any liability, negligence, fault, or wrongdoing of any kind, or in any way referred to for any other reason as against Plaintiffs or any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, in any civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation; or

- (c) shall be construed against any of the Releasees as an admission, concession, or presumption that the consideration to be given hereunder represents the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial; provided, however, that if the Stipulation is approved by the Court, the Parties and the Releasees and their respective counsel may refer to it to effectuate the protections from liability granted hereunder or otherwise to enforce the terms of the Settlement.
- 14. **Retention of Jurisdiction** Without affecting the finality of this Judgment in any way, this Court retains continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over: (a) the Parties for purposes of the administration, interpretation, implementation, and enforcement of the Settlement; (b) the disposition of the Settlement Fund; (c) any motion to approve the Class Distribution Order; and (d) the Class Members for all matters relating to the Action.
- 15. <u>Modification of the Agreement of Settlement</u> Without further approval from the Court, Plaintiffs and Defendants are hereby authorized to agree to and adopt such amendments or modifications of the Stipulation or any exhibits attached thereto to effectuate the Settlement that: (a) are not materially inconsistent with this Judgment; and (b) do not materially limit the rights of Class Members in connection with the Settlement. Without further order of the Court, Plaintiffs and Defendants may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Settlement.
- 16. Plan of Allocation The Court hereby finds that the proposed Plan of Allocation is a fair and reasonable method to allocate the Net Settlement Fund among Class Members, and Class Counsel and the Claims Administrator are directed to administer the Plan of Allocation in accordance with its terms and the terms of the Stipulation.

- attorneys' fees in the amount of \$28,984,858.48, and expenses in the amount of \$2,603,672.29, plus interest at the same rate and for the same periods as earned by the Settlement Fund (until paid), such amounts to be paid out of the Settlement Fund within five days of entry of this Order. Class Counsel shall thereafter be solely responsible for allocating the attorneys' fees and expenses among Bronstein Gerwirtz & Grossman LLP and Bragar Eagel & Squire P.C.in the manner in which Class Counsel in good faith believe reflects the contributions of such counsel to the initiation, prosecution, and resolution of the Actions. In the event that this Judgment does not become Final, and any portion of the fee and expense award has already been paid from the Settlement Fund, Class Counsel and all other counsel to whom Class Counsel has distributed payments shall within thirty (30) calendar days of (i) entry of the order rendering the Settlement and Judgment non-Final, (ii) notice of the Settlement being terminated, or (iii) the occurrence of any other event that precludes the Effective Date from occurring, refund the Settlement Fund the fee and expense award paid to Class Counsel and, if applicable, distributed to other counsel.
- 18. <u>Compensatory Award to Plaintiffs</u> The three Plaintiffs are awarded \$15,000 each, as a compensatory award for reasonable costs and expenses directly relating to the representation of the Class as provided in <u>15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(4)</u>, such amounts to be paid from the Settlement Fund upon the Effective Date of the Settlement.
- 19. <u>Termination of Settlement</u> If the Settlement is terminated as provided in the Stipulation or the Effective Date of the Settlement otherwise fails to occur, including as a result of any appeals, this Judgment shall be vacated, rendered null and void and be of no further force and effect, except as otherwise provided by the Stipulation, and this Judgment shall be without prejudice to the rights of Plaintiffs, Class Members, and Defendants, and the Parties shall be

deemed to have reverted *nunc pro tunc* to their respective positions in the Action as of the date immediately prior to the execution of the Stipulation. Except as otherwise provided in the Stipulation, in the event the Settlement is terminated in its entirety or if the Effective Date fails to occur for any reason, the balance of the Settlement Fund including interest accrued therein, less any Notice and Administration Costs actually incurred, paid, or payable and less any Taxes and Tax Expenses paid, due, or owing, shall be returned to FCA (or such other persons or entities as FCA may direct), in accordance with the Stipulation.

20. Entry of Final Judgment – There is no just reason to deay the entry of this Judgment and immediate entry by the Clerk of the Court is expressly directed. The Clerk of Court is directed to close the case.

SO ORDERED this 5th day of September, 2019.

JESSÉ M. FURMAN U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

# EXHIBIT 1

Exclusion Request	Name	City/State/ZIP	Shares Purchased During Class Period
1	Giovanni Abbruzzese & Teresa Abbruzzese	Kingsville, ON, Canada N9Y 2E5	300
2	Barth Guinta	Port Orange, FL 32129	350
3	Leon Torbeck & Judith Torbeck	Vandalia, IL 62471	1,000
4	William B. Pritchett III	Tucker, GA 30085	3,000
5	Jonathan Sato	Campbell, CA 95008-1823	550
6	Joseph E. Rudderow, Jr. & Jeanette P. Rudderow	Leesburg, FL 34748	100
7	Edward L. Abbott & Elizabeth G. Abbott	Newnan, GA 30263	150
8	Timothy C. Birx	Glen Burnie, MD 21061-1917	500
9	Patricia E. Babcock	New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168	1,400
10	Kyoko Kobayashi	Whitestone, NY 11357	100
11	Zvonimir Pusnik	Lincoln, NE 68503	2

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